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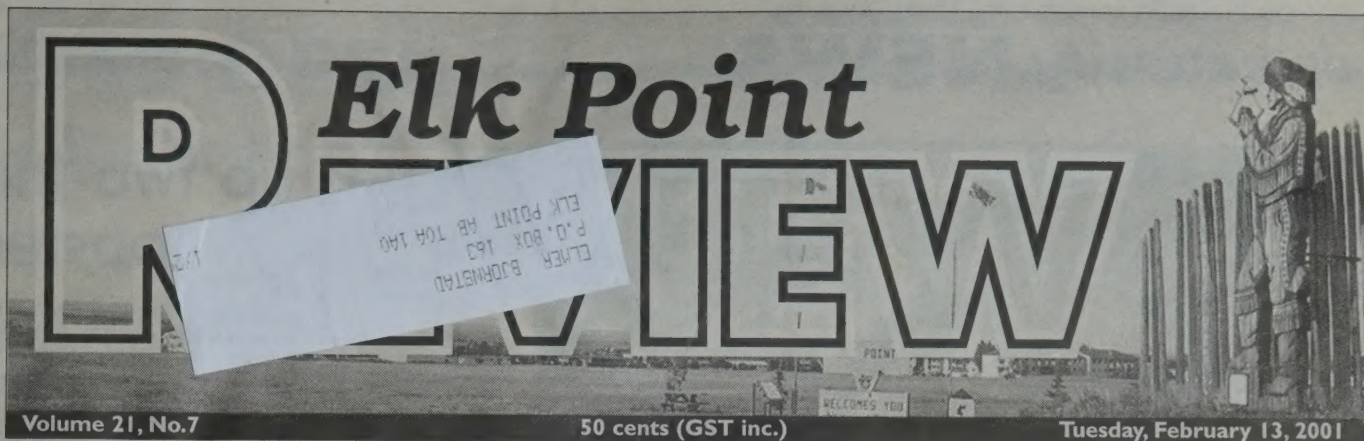
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Kachmar awarded Lions' highest honor



PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON PARKINS presented Marshall Kachmar with the Melvin Jones Fellowship. June Kachmar was thanked for her support of Kachmar's efforts with the Lions.

As Past District Governor Don Parkins listed the qualifications for Lions Clubs International's highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, 27-year Lion Marshall Kachmar was "trying to guess who" among his fellow members would receive this prestigious award at the Elk Point Lions 30th Anniversary Charter Night on Saturday.

When Parkins went on to describe a Lion who had joined the Swan Hills Lions Club in 1973 and transferred to Elk Point in 1984, served as president, secretary and Lion Tamer,

chaired numerous projects both in the club and community, and is currently the president of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the truth rendered Kachmar "speechless. Surely there is someone more deserving," he said in accepting the plaque and pin from Parkins and Elk Point Lions president Loren Eleniak.

"That you were looking around the room to see who deserved [the award], that's why you got it. You were the one guy who deserved it," former Lions president Keith Campbell told the

modest Kachmar.

That sentiment was echoed by many of the Lions and other guests at the celebration, who flocked around Kachmar and his wife of 39 years, June, to add their congratulations. Mrs. Kachmar said keeping the knowledge that her husband would receive the award a secret, while making sure he would attend the event, was not easy. "But I didn't have a hint!" marveled the recipient.

The Charter Night not only celebrated 30 years for the Elk Point Lions and paid homage to one of their most dedicated members, it was also a fundraiser for a local family who are slowly overcoming the devastating effects of a farmyard explosion. Little Tyler Ockerman, his brother Marvin and father Glen were burned when material in their burning barrel exploded on October 30. Marvin and Glen have since recovered from their burns, but Tyler is still in hospital, having received his latest skin graft last Thursday. Glen was at his son's bedside, but wife Cathy was able to attend the Charter Night.

"I can only say a huge thank you... for perfect strangers to open up their hearts like this is incredible..." Mrs. Ockerman said. Both she and Glen are lifetime residents of the area and attended school in Elk

Point. Brother-in-law Gary Ockerman added thanks to the Lions, neighbors, relatives and friends who have pitched in to help since the tragedy occurred. "Everyone has helped so much," he noted. Life has been "a roller coaster ride" since the accident, "but it can only get better from here on."

Lion Jonny Nielsen, "proud to be a member of the club" who immediately established a trust fund to help the Ockermans, said "there's around \$9500 in the account right now," even before the proceeds of the evening were added in.

Visiting Lions clubs from around the area brought along donations to the Ockerman trust fund. Terry Roszell, a charter member of Elk Point Lions who is now with the St. Paul club,

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CATHY OCKERMAN and brother-in-law Gary Ockerman thank the Lions and the community for their support.

■ Buck is back as President

Chamber returns executive at entertaining AGM

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce didn't have to look far to find entertainment for their 2001 Annual General Meeting. President Eugene Buck not only consented to retain his position for another year, he brought along his guitar and a few poetry books and left the members laughing.

In his report on the past year, Buck noted that ongoing issues such as the fate of the "Pan Canadian Building" found resolution, while other issues carry forward and still others, such as downtown beautification and trail-related issues, have been put on the back burner. A very successful Service Best workshop, participation in Pitch In Canada, the Trans Canada Water Relay, the Back to

Batoche trek, the Starr Bros. Circus, and the Small Business Week trade fair were highlights of the year, along with annual projects such as the Canada Day Breakfast, Christmas Extravaganza and lighting contest. The roster of members includes large and small businesses, "and we're happy to have them all." The Chamber was present at quite a few grand openings this year, as well as following a number of local issues, including road concerns and development conflicts. He thanked the executive, past

and present and offered special thanks to Town Council and their administration.

Vice President Dennis



THE PRESIDENT turns entertainer with a foot-stomping tribute to "The Consumer."

Jasinsky also consented to retain his post for another

year, while Diane Balash and Vicki Brooker swapped chairs to become treasurer and secretary, respectively.

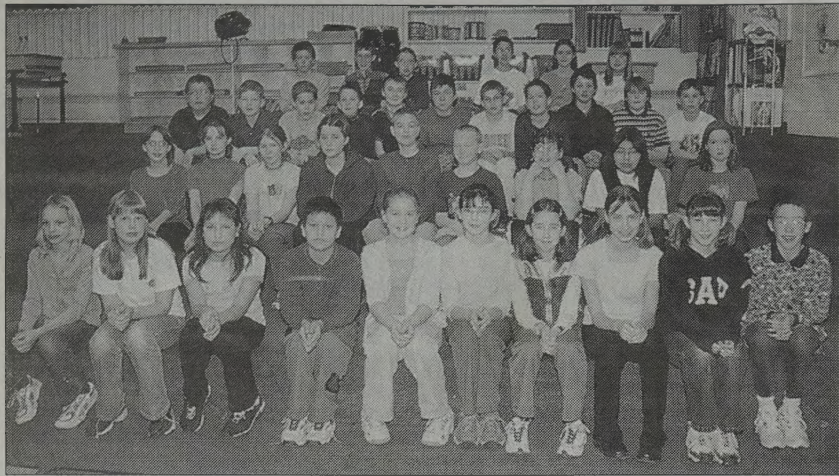
All were re-elected to the executive by acclamation. Memberships and meeting dates and times will stay the same as in 2000. Among those present for the meeting was Clare Gauvreau, new publisher of the Elk Point Review, who said the purchase of the Review and St. Paul Journal by Great West Newspapers "bodes well for the future of the papers." They are very committed to improving the content and

better serving the advertisers, and Ms Gauvreau says readers should "expect to see changes in the next few months." She wants to hear from readers and advertisers about what they would like to see in the paper. "We will continue to write the local news and report on anything of interest to local people."

Ms Gauvreau is "very impressed with the direction Great West wants to take. I wouldn't have come back into the business if I hadn't been impressed." She recognizes that the papers are in a "very competitive market. Advertisers need a wider reach," and says that in the long term, the papers may run another section reaching more widespread markets.

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community NEWS



GRADE SIX was very well represented in the Elks - OORP Poster Contest.



GRADES FOUR AND FIVE had a bumper crop of poster artists enter the contest.

Entries up two-thirds in drug awareness poster contest

Elk Point Elementary School's Grade 4, 5 and 6 students "really went to town" this year with entries for the Order of Royal Purple and BPO Elks Lodges' drug awareness poster contest, according to Don Buryn. "It was promoted through their classes, and in the art pro-

gram," he added, noting that getting the teachers enthused about the contest really paid off.

A total of 111 students entered the contest this year, up 66 percent from last year's total of 67 entrants.

OORP Honored Royal Lady, Irene Pilisko, visited the school last

Thursday to present major cash awards to the top three poster artists, and toonies to each student who entered. Lisa Kozicky placed first, with Brittany Buryn second and Sabrina Stewart third. Their posters will now go on to further competition.



HONORED ROYAL LADY Irene Pilisko of Elk Point OORP Lodge presented Drug Awareness Poster Contest awards to (left to right) Lisa Kozicky, Brittany Buryn and Sabrina Stewart, who placed first through third, at the local competition.

NEABBA annual bull sale Feb. 19

Some of your favorite breeds will be up on the auction block for the eighth annual bull sale, care of the North East

Alberta Beef Breeders Association.

This association has been known for its high quality bulls and the

hosts of the sale are advising buyers to aim for the best breeds now that cattle prices are high -- it will mean better calves and better cows in the future.

The bull sale takes place on February 19, 2001 at the Ag Corral in St. Paul, Alberta. Charolais, Limousin, Red and Black Angus, Horned and Polled Herefords, Maine Anjou and Simmental will be up for sale.

The sale features yearlings and two-year-olds and a supplement sheet will be available sale day listing scrotal circumference and weight.

Auctioneer will be Steve Dorran.

NOTICE TO ALL FARMERS PUBLIC MEETING

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Reward in horse shooting case tops \$14,000

On November 12, 2000 five horses were found injured on property near Elk Point. All five had been shot in the legs and of the five, four had to be put down due to the seriousness of their injuries.

The Elk Point RCMP continue to investigate this matter and are seeking the public's assistance in providing information that may lead to charges being laid.

A horse reward fund has been organized by a number of citizens in an attempt to persuade persons with information to contact the police. The details of

the horse reward fund can be found at www.skyfamily.com/horserewardfund. The most current estimate of the reward is \$14,159 in pledges, of which the Canadian Humane Society has pledged \$2500.

To be eligible for the horse reward fund, a person must do the following:

1. Contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964, File # 2000-1572.
2. Provide their name, address and give a written statement if required.
3. The person must be willing to attend court if required.

4. The information provided must lead to a successful conviction.

This reward fund is not associated with Crime Stoppers and persons supplying information to Crime Stoppers will not be eligible for the "Horse reward fund" but would still qualify for the Crime Stoppers reward.

To make a donation to the fund, make a cheque payable to:

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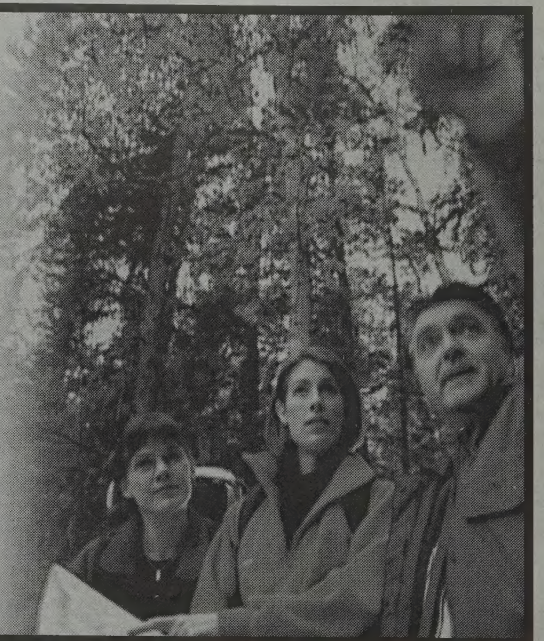
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Canada



from the FCSS DESK

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day -- praise your loved one!

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Tomorrow, February 14, is Valentine's Day. Have a nice, happy, lovely day everyone! Enjoy giving and receiving all the nice things shared on this day. ...Speaking of nice things being shared, my thoughts go out to the words written by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. You probably know the poem I am thinking about. The poem begins: "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can

reach..."

Elizabeth thought of these lines from a sonnet she had written when Robert Browning came courting her in Wimpole Street, in London. She was ill then, nervous and distraught, being completely dominated by a tyrannical father who had forbidden all his children to marry. But with unfailing devotion, Robert Browning had continued to visit her, to keep her room filled with flowers, to tell of his love and beg her to marry him.

As long as she had lived in the fog and

chill of London she had become an invalid, almost a recluse. Then at the suggestion of her beloved husband, they moved to Italy. Here in the sunny warmth of Italy she began her new life with new interests and she felt better than she had in years. Robert Browning had persuaded Elizabeth Barrett to leave her invalid's couch and elope with him. He brought her to this gentle climate for her health. Climate and love had worked their magic charm. She was still frail and delicate, but she was not an

invalid now! She was able to move about, to see the world, to be a true wife and companion to the man she so admired, she so adored.

During the period of emotional strain and indecision, torn between love for Robert Browning and fear of her father's displeasure, Elizabeth Barrett had written a sequence of love sonnets. She wrote them in secret, intending them for no eyes but her own.

Then came the day when Elizabeth decided it was time to show her poems to Robert

Browning. "I'll show them to him now, and they will tell him how much I love him!" And so, one sunny day in Italy, one enchanted autumn afternoon, Robert Browning read his wife's secret love sonnets for the first time. He was profoundly moved by their beauty and power, recognizing the unmistakable quality of their genius. They were, he declared, "the finest sonnets since Shakespeare!"

She was pleased as a child by his praise - though she well knew his love warped his

judgment, that Wordsworth's incomparable sonnets far surpassed any she had written or was ever likely to write. Still, she liked to hear his praise, liked to hear him say she was the finest woman poet England had produced.

The point from this story which made sense to me, is the point that no matter who we are, we all like to hear praise from those who love us... So don't forget to give and receive. Have a great day, everyone!

Historic night for Elk Point Lions

The proud 30-year history of Elk Point and District Lions Club was celebrated Saturday night, with a number of long-time members in attendance at their annual Charter Night.

Doug Bassett said the Lions are a "modest group, we don't blow our own horn much. As a newcomer to Elk Point, he was a guest at the 15th Annual Charter Night, and joined the Lions soon after. His recollection of the years since then, and input from one of the club's longest-serving members, Walter Saranchuk, on the first 15 years, list an impressive involvement in community projects, starting with the building of the arena and paying for the first time clock with the proceeds from raffles and slave auctions. "There were no bingos then," quipped Bassett.

Longtime and still ongoing projects include the birthday calendar, community Christmas card, annual Journey for Sight, Jan Frisby Memorial Ball Tournament, Canada Day parade and beerfest, the latter shared with the volunteer fire department. In the past, the Lions held snowmobile poker rallies and hosted the

annual swimming lessons. Now they have night golf, with proceeds going to STARS,

zation... a strong group with dedicated members whose positive influence is being

- **First meeting:** November 12, 1970
- **First president:** Allan Buck
- **First Charter Night:** January 9, 1971
- **Early projects:** dunk tank, election forum, skate bank, community Christmas card, family bonspiel, community auction sale, ice carnival queen contest

and run numerous bingos. They donate to the Fire Department, share operating costs of the hospital's handi-van with the Elks Lodge, sponsored a hole at the golf course, built the concession and batters' cage at the ball field and had major input into the midget fastball diamond, "Basset Field, my field of dreams," he noted. Donations from the Lions help soccer, curling, Scouts, school awards and Quest program. They work together with the Lioness Club, and helped to form the Leos, who Bassett says "are the future of our club for the next 30 years."

Russ Hebblethwaite of the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department congratulated "Elk Point's premier volunteer organi-

passed on to the Leos." The community, he said, "steps forth to support the Lions, who have helped on an incredible amount of worthy projects." As a child, Hebblethwaite was impressed by a cookie tins his parents brought home from some event which were emblazoned with the Lions logo. "The Lions continue to impress me today."

Past District Governor Don Parkins, who boasts 43 years of perfect attendance as a Lion, said the Lions are "a good example of volunteers," spending

thousands of hours on various projects, and thousands of dollars helping the aging, the disabled, civic projects, youth and sports. "When the project is too big for one organization, they join in and cooperate to accomplish the goal and get the job done."

The Lions' volunteerism "comes in many ways," Parkins said. He was moved to tears by the club's support of the Ockerman family. "What a wonderful way for a group of volunteers to help out."

He congratulated the club on their 30th anniversary and expressed hope that their next 30 years will be as productive and eventful.

One sad note to the evening was the presentation of farewell gifts to Loren and Tammy Eleniak, who are moving to Vegreville, but who assured the Lions they "will keep coming back" to visit their friends in Elk Point.

Chamber AGM '01

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The business of the evening concluded, President Buck invited Chamber members to "open your mind to the big picture," as he read "Amazing Expanding Universe," by Eric Idol of Monty Python fame, the hilarious "A Canadian is Somebody Who..." by John Robert Colombo, and Robert Service's "Lazineess," which decries the "wonder and glory of work" as "conscientious objectors to toil." Taking up his guitar, he sang a perfect song for a business gather-

ing, Stompin' Tom Connors' "The Consumer," followed up by an original song, "Life the Same Way." Vicki Brooker added a western touch with some cowboy poetry.

Door prizes went to Lindsay Wagner, who received two tickets to the Premier's Sinner, and Danin Office Supplies, who won the complimentary Chamber membership.

Next Chamber meeting is February 21, when Vital Ouellette will be the guest speaker.

Elk Point Public Library

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2001

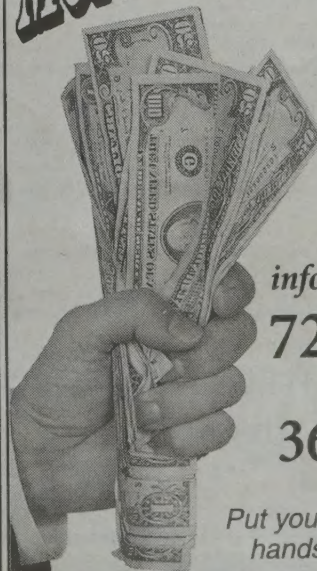
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Lions' highest honor

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brought a cheque for \$1000, while Cold Lake Lions brought \$500 and South Cooking Lake Lions \$300, while cheques were received in the mail from Lacombe and Hughenden Lions. Cheques from Russ

Hebblethwaite and Andrew Boddy and families were presented earlier in the program, and Lions president Loren Eleniak urged those in attendance to help fill a large bowl with donations during the course of the evening.

NOTICE Lakeland Constituency Canadian Alliance Party

Will hold its

ANNUAL MEETING

March 3, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.

Elk Point Senior Citizens Centre
5018 - 48 St., Elk Point, Alberta

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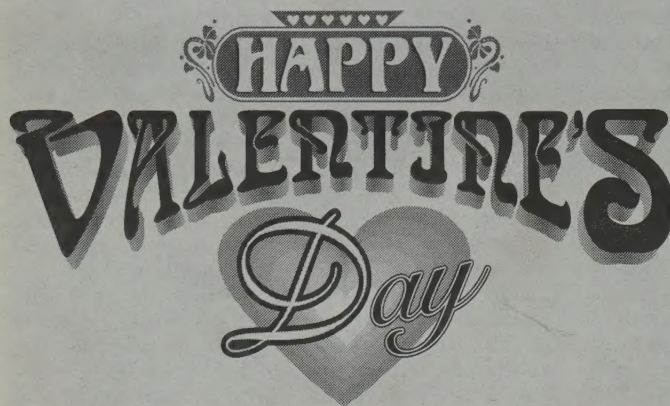
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VIEWPOINTS



Flag Day 2001

February 15, 2001 marks the 36th anniversary of the inauguration of the Canadian flag. The maple leaf flag was raised for the first time at the stroke of noon, February 15, 1965 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The following words, spoken on that momentous day by Honorable Maurice Bourget, Speaker of the Senate, added symbolic meaning to the new flag: "The flag is the symbol of the nation's unity, for it, beyond any doubt, represents all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion."

The maple leaf was historically used from the early days of Canada to symbolize the land and its people. It was first proposed as an emblem of Canada in 1834 when the Société St-Jean Baptiste was founded; shortly thereafter, in 1836, Le Canadien, a newspaper published in Lower Canada, referred to it as a suitable emblem for Canada.

Early in 1964, Prime Minister

Lester B. Pearson informed the House of Commons that the government wished to adopt a distinctive national flag. The 1967 centennial celebration of Confederation was, after all, approaching. A Senate and House of Commons Committee was formed and a call for submissions was sent out.

In October 1964, after eliminating various proposals, the committee was left with three possible designs - a Red Ensign with the fleur-de-lis and the Union Jack, a design incorporating three red maple leaves, and a red flag with a single, stylized red maple leaf on a white square.

The committee eventually decided to recommend the single-leaf design, which was approved by resolution of the House of Commons on December 15, 1964, followed by the Senate on December 17, 1964 and proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, to take effect on February 15, 1965.



Dear Valentine: have a healthy heart

By Carol Moro
Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Valentine's Day approaches, and guess what? Your heart is trying to tell you something. Your heart wants to be healthy in all sorts of ways - physically, emotionally, socially.

Why, your heart might even send valentines that let you know how to make this happen. So open that mailbox of the mind and take a look at some of those valentines.

♥ *Roses are red / Violets are blue / Choose an exercise that's fun to do.* This valentine points out that the best way to stick to an exercise program is to start with an activity you enjoy. The activity should fit your lifestyle and your schedule. You'll be more likely to follow through regularly if it's convenient. The exercise also has to fit your personal style. Some people like to have companionship during their workouts. Others like intense head-to-head competition. Still others prefer a solitary session.

♥♥ *Just reach out, and you will see / Loved by others your will be.* Ever notice how your energy level rises when you interact with others? You probably feel better about yourself afterward, too. That's the heart-healthy message of this second valentine.

Yet with fewer hours of sunlight available to us during February, it's all too easy to veg out at home in front of the TV. Break the habit with a 30-minute "social studies" session. Turn off the TV for a half hour and phone a friend. Or visit a neighbor, or a relative, or someone you know from church. Anyone who lives in a nursing home would be overjoyed to have a caller.

♥♥♥ *Keep the horse before the cart / Since self-esteem's a healthy art.* While it's widely known that making physical changes (losing weight, toning up muscles, getting a new hair style, wearing flattering clothes) can lead to a better self-image, have you ever considered the reverse? When it comes to a major change in

diet and/or exercise, it's important to have a decent self-image before you start.

After all, good self-esteem means we like ourselves enough to take care of ourselves; to make time for exercise, for instance, or to assert our need for healthy, balanced meals.

So before you make a change, make up your mind: you are worth it!

♥♥♥♥ *A healthy heart gives many a beat / It all begins with what you eat.* Sure, you've heard it a thousand times - eat a heart-healthy diet. But this valentine implies a question: Are you actually doing it?

A few simple changes in eating habits can make a big difference. Enjoy a variety of foods. Emphasize cereals, breads, other grain products, vegetables and fruits. Choose lower fat dairy products, leaner meats, and foods prepared with little or no fat.

So what do you say, Valentine? Will you take these messages to heart? Your heart sure hopes so!

■ From Parliament Hill

The high cost of natural gas

By Leon Benoit, MP
Lakeland Constituency

Albertans are currently experiencing record-breaking high energy costs. In the last year alone, the cost of natural gas has jumped from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per gigajoule to \$9.00 to \$9.50 per gigajoule. I have been getting many phone calls from constituents who are being crushed under these prices, and I thought it might be helpful to provide some information.

How the price is set

There is no Canadian price for natural gas because it is priced in the North American market as a single market. Essentially, the price of natural gas is set in an open competitive bidding process on the negotiated delivery contracts for natural gas at the TransCanada Pipeline head at Empress, Alberta. The price of natural gas on the New York Mercantile Exchange is used as a benchmark price in negotiating the Alberta natural gas price.

The price is set through agreement between natural gas producers and natural gas wholesalers and a pipeline toll fee is added on depending on where the gas is going. The prices are through the roof because of a growing demand for clean energy and the inability to get gas from Western Canada to the USA in sufficient quantities to meet the demand. Previously there was an artificial price differential because Canada didn't have the pipeline capacity to meet the market demands. However, because of pipeline expansion including the Alliance pipeline, Canada now has the ability to meet demands in the US, thereby erasing the price differential. The problem now is that we simply cannot supply enough natural gas to meet the demand, hence the push for the Alaska-Mackenzie Delta pipeline. Realistically, we wouldn't expect to see price relief in the natural gas market until the demand for clean energy to replace coal and gasoline is met or a downturn in the US economy (which is quite possible) reduces demand.

As your federal representative, there is little that I can do to directly help lower your

natural gas costs because the pricing of natural gas is a provincial responsibility. The producing provinces are garnering huge revenues from this market demand as their royalty is determined by a percentage of the price of natural gas at the pipeline head. In Alberta, for every \$.50/gigajoule increase in price, the provincial royalty increases by millions of dollars, and it is expected that thanks to high natural gas prices, Alberta is on track to record a staggering surplus.

Help for Consumers

The provincial government has already committed millions in new funding to help Albertans deal with these high prices. On January 30, 2001, the provincial government announced that its residential natural gas rebate will rise to \$150 a month per home, retroactive to January 21 and effective until April 30. The rebates will appear directly on customers' gas bills. The same rebate will also be available to propane and home heating oil users. Landlords and condo boards are eligible for a rebate of \$6 per gigajoule for their residential operations.

The Premier also announced a \$360-million commercial rebate that will help small businesses and non-profit agencies cope with high natural gas bills. Under the program eligible organizations will receive a rebate of \$6 per gigajoule, up to a maximum of \$30,000 per month. This means that users will be paying about the same as in January 2000. The rebate will apply to the first 5000 gigajoules per month used by each eligible body, from January 1 to April 30.

Also announced was a \$5-million Alberta Gaming contingency fund to go to departments helping non-profit groups or people on fixed incomes under existing programs. These dollars will be used to help those facing extraordinary hardship even after rebates are provided.

For help with utility bills, you can call the following Alberta government number toll free: 310-4455. For more information on the provincial government's plans to help Albertans, access the Action on Energy Prices web page at <http://www.gov.ab.ca/energyprices/index.cfm>.

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review SPORTS

Provincial hopes shattered for Atom Avalanche, Storm

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

If the current trend continues, someday these guys may be playing together as one team. But not on this weekend.

The **Atom Avalanche's** provincial hopes were squashed this past weekend when they met Dewberry, losing 4 to 2 in Dewberry on Saturday and by a closer score of 4 to 3 on Sunday at home, but still losing the two game, total point series. Of course, everyone was disappointed, but there are some positives. It's tough to make it to the provincial finals in Atoms. With almost every town able to ice a team at this age group, it means that in order to make the provincial final, the Avalanche, who already won two rounds, still had two rounds to go even if they were successful in defeating Dewberry, and the "buzz cut kids" don't need to hang their heads, they made it further than most people thought they would.

Craig Dallaire and Ryan "Little M" MacDonald did the scoring on Saturday, Craig Dallaire with two more on Sunday, Kody Wickham adding a single. Some excellent work out in front of the net by defenseman Chris McVeety, Catherine Campbell and Jordy "Krank" Krankowski.

The Avalanche were not the only team to be eliminated from provincial play this past weekend. The **Midget Girls Storm** were also taken out of the running in the hands of Vermilion. Losing Thursday night in Vermilion 5 to 1, they then returned to Elk Point on Friday night, giving it 100% effort, this time only losing 1 to 0, Ashley Hebblethwaite getting the only goal in the series.

The injury-ridden **Pewee Avalanche**, with only eight skaters, still hammered Mallaig, right in Mallaig, 14 to 1 on Saturday afternoon.

"Too many penalties and not enough goals," sums up the weekend and the season for Midget Thunder, who finished their season

losing out in the playoffs in the first round to Wainwright. Coming home on Sunday, down by two goals after playing Friday night in Wainwright, Thunder tied the game 3-all, but were unable to win the series. Brian Poitras with two goals, and his neighbor from across the street, Melvin Easthope getting the single. You don't have to score to win the "Hound Dog's Award," backchecking is just as important, this week's first star goes to Shawn Slywka for his hard, two-way play.

Sometime in the next two weeks, the Thunder will play against Mallaig in their provincial series, the winner, of course, gets to go to the big show in the end of March in Castor.

Hold on, there is some good news this week. The **Bantam Colts**, who won their first provincial game against Smoky Lake 5 to 1, finished Smoky Lake off on Wednesday night in another 5 to 1 game, winning the two game series, and will continue on to the next round, possibly against Plamondon or Buffalo Lake. Jason Kalynchuk with two, Brandon Isert, Brandon Holthe

and Dustin Bensch all scoring.

On Sunday in Dewberry the Colts, in a regular season game, had trouble once again with Lac La Biche, losing 7 to 5. Jason Lukkan with a couple, Jason Kalynchuk, Cody Burns and Brandon Isert adding singles. It should be noted that Jesse Kozicky missed playing the game on Sunday to referee in the provincial Atom game, when the referee-in-chief was unable to find anyone else. Now this is what I call dedication.

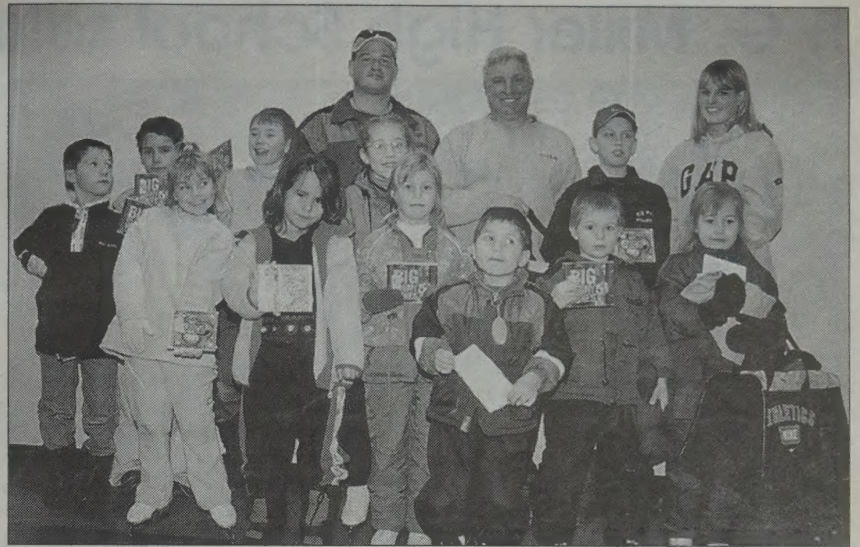
Practice makes perfect. The **Novice Hurricanes**, who leave early Friday morning, heading north to Fort McMurray for the big novice tournament, took the weekend off from games, using their ice time to practice. It's just too bad they didn't have room on their bus for a team reporter. I hear Fort Mac is kind of nice this time of year!

The **Micro Novice Tornados** were .500 in the Vermilion tournament on the weekend, losing to Irma 10 to 7, then defeating Kitscoty/PV 10 to 5. Sorry, guys, but we didn't get a game sheet to tell us who scored.

In the medals!



WINNERS AT TOFIELD COMPETITION — Three Elk Point figure skaters brought home medals from their January 27 competition at Tofield. Justyne Wozniak (left) competed in the Preliminary Ladies category, placing second in Elements and fourth in Free Skate, and also competed in the Junior Bronze, where she placed sixth in Elements. Natalie Maas (centre) competed in the Pre-Preliminary Ladies category, placing second in Elements and third in Free Skate. Natalie also recently competed in Millet, where she placed first in Elements and fourth in Free Skate. Justyne and Natalie will be going to Vegreville at the end of March for the North East Open competition. Seanna Ewasiuk (right) placed first in the Spin Spiral Jump competition at Tofield, and was heading to Smoky Lake this past weekend for another competition.



WINNING SKATERS at the 2001 Skate-a-Thon took home prizes ranging from CDs to sports bags to gift certificates for their skating and pledge-raising skills.

Skate-a-Thon raises \$4076.17

Elk Point Skating Club's major fundraising event of the year, the annual Skate-a-Thon, raised \$4076.17 in pledges, with 36 skaters each taking to the ice for a ten minute period last Wednesday afternoon. This was an increase of seven skaters and more than \$450 in pledges over last year's event.

This year's top fundraiser was little

Ashley Wozniak.

CDs went to the girl and boy in each age group who skated the most laps in their allotted time: Under 5 - Lindsey MacDonald (11 laps) and Ryley Wozniak (10); Age 6-7: Kim Hudy (22) and Jordyn Wozniak (24); Ages 8-9: Seanna Ewasiuk (24), Billy Hudy and Harrison Maas (tied at 25); Ages 10-11: Justyne

Wozniak (29) and Ryan MacDonald (28); 12 and Over: Ashley Hebblethwaite (31) and Ted Genereux (32).

Sports newshound Doug Bassett had the honor of being the Oldest Skater, for a gift certificate from Taste Buds, while three-year-old Corey Wozniak, the Youngest Skater, received a gift certificate from Magic Pizza.

Elks dethrone Monarchs in last home game before playoffs

The Elk Point Elks will head into the SaskAlta League playoffs sitting firmly in second place, one point behind Onion Lake after Saturday's win over Kitscoty Monarchs and Sunday's 8-8 tie against Vermilion.

Kitscoty lit up Saturday night's scoreboard less than two minutes into the game, Chris Leighton scoring off Brad Wright, and held the lead for over 15 minutes, before the Elks' Lawren Wowk tied it up with assists from Ted Genereux and Sheldon Espetveidt. Kitscoty scored again with 34 seconds on the clock, Jason Peregrym from Todd Miller, to lead 2-1 after 20 minutes.

Two goals 37 seconds apart gave the Elks a brief lead at the beginning of the second period, Leighton Grey assisted by Kerry Loughran and Wowk, and Loughran assisted by Genereux and Wowk. Kitscoty took less than a minute to tie the score once again, Todd Miller assisted by Peregrym and Trevor Leighton. Another seesaw at

mid-period saw Darrell Kostiuik slide one in for the Elks, assisted by Wowk and Loughran, quickly followed by a goal at the other end of the ice, Peregrym assisted by Todd Miller in tying things up one more time. Loughran brought the Elks back in front with a goal assisted by Cory Laboucane with 1:40 remaining in the period.

*Playoffs start
8:15 p.m. Friday*

Fast and furious action in the final period saw numerous attempts at goals and just as many great saves by both netminders, Clarence Sparklingeyes successful in keeping the Monarchs at bay, but

Kitscoty's goalie letting in a goal by Laboucane, assisted by Wowk and Loughran. When the Monarchs pulled their goalie in a last-ditch attempt to even the score, the same trio went right back out there and did it again into an empty net for a final score of 7-4.

Both teams had fairly short benches Saturday night, which may have been one reason to stay out of the penalty boxes. The Monarchs had only one penalty in the entire game, while the Elks had one in each period.

The Elks and Monarchs will now go head to head in the first round of playoffs, with the first game of the best-of-five series slated for Friday night at 8:15 in Elk Point.

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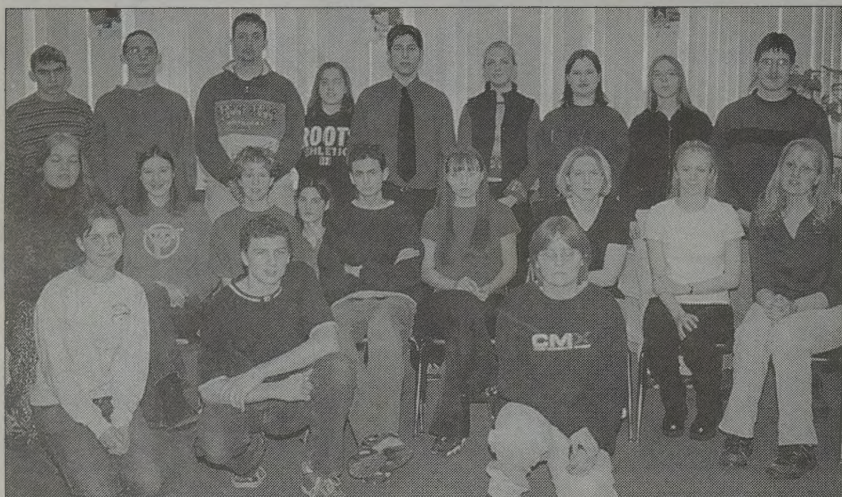
Thanks to **Golden Loaf Bakery**, **Elk Point Co-op** and **Danin Office Supplies** for their donation of pop, hotdogs and buns for the Skate-A-Thon.

We would also like to thank all the participants and the community for all the pledges and the corporate sponsors.

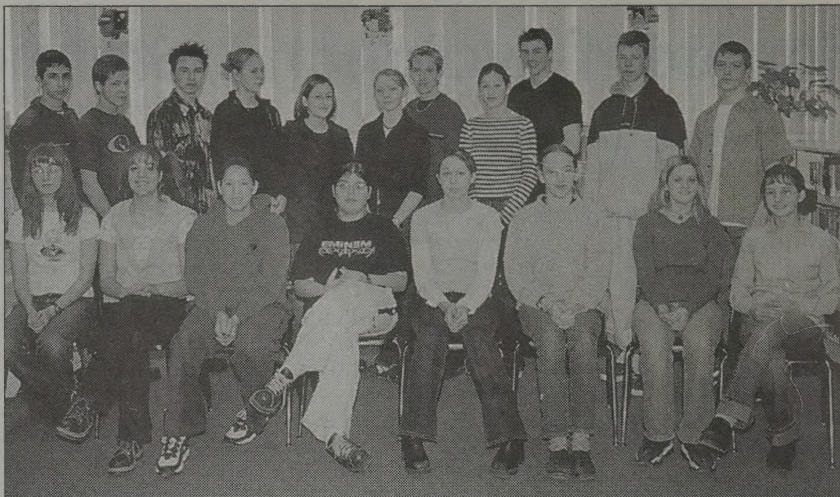
Elk Point Skating Club

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F. G. Miller High School salutes their honor roll students



GRADE TEN AND ELEVEN HONOR ROLL STUDENTS were: April Gusnowski, Carson Mutch, Romy Rohner, Dean Sereda and Leanne Wilson, Grade 11, and John Marcoux, Tanya Pankiw, Michelle Leckie and Brandon Parenteau, Grade 12, all with Academic Honors; Ronald Kulczycki, Tanya Blacklock and Stephanie Swedgan, Grade 11 and Cristine Lowe, Grade 12, with Honors; Kali Cousins, Raelyn Huseby, Cole May, Mat Zarowny, Jennifer Kalynchuk and Bronwyn Bilak, Grade 11, and Jennifer Flanders and Julie Young, Grade 12, with Honorable Mentions.



GRADE TEN HONOR ROLL saw Eva Gusnowski, Kirsty Lindquist, Brad Young, Colton Hoffman and Chance Lowry with Academic Honors; Jasmine Brown, Sandy Bullock, Shelly Gladue, Mark Ference, Nathan Jurak, Kristy Myshaniuk and Kyle Nielsen with Honors and Melissa Dorey, Maureen Myshaniuk, Danielle Schnurer, Tasha Yopyk, Theresa Flamand, Amanda Zapesocki and Kyle Kurek with Honorable Mentions.

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Palliative Care has generous donors

By Grace Kinjerski
Elk Point Palliative Care

Wonderful people have once again donated generously to the Palliative Care "Tree of Hope. For those people who don't know what this is, it is donations from area residents toward the Elk Point Palliative Care Program. With a donation of \$10 or more, a light is lit on the Christmas tree at the Elk Point Health Centre. This tree is located near the Long Term Care entrance. The white lights are "In Memory of" a loved one, blue lights represent "Special Thoughts for," and colored lights are for "Seasons Greetings from."

Many thanks to all present and past donors to the "Christmas Tree of Hope." Once again this year, the tree was aglow with lights from the generous people, as this list reflects.

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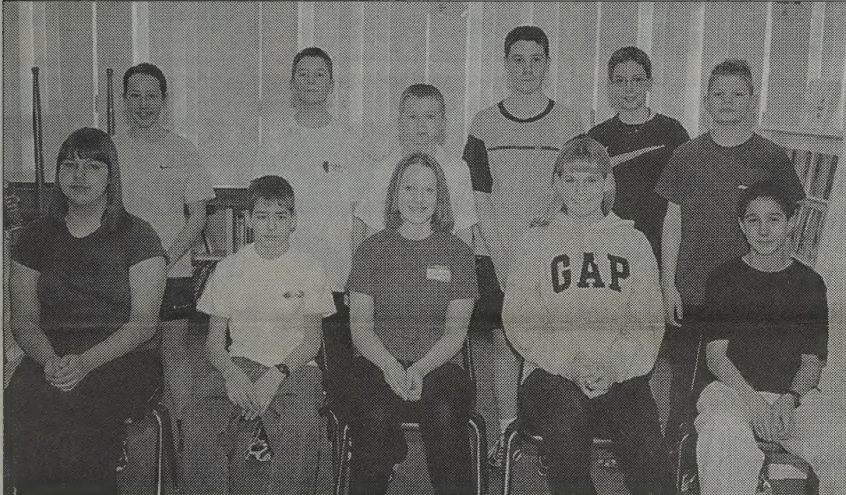
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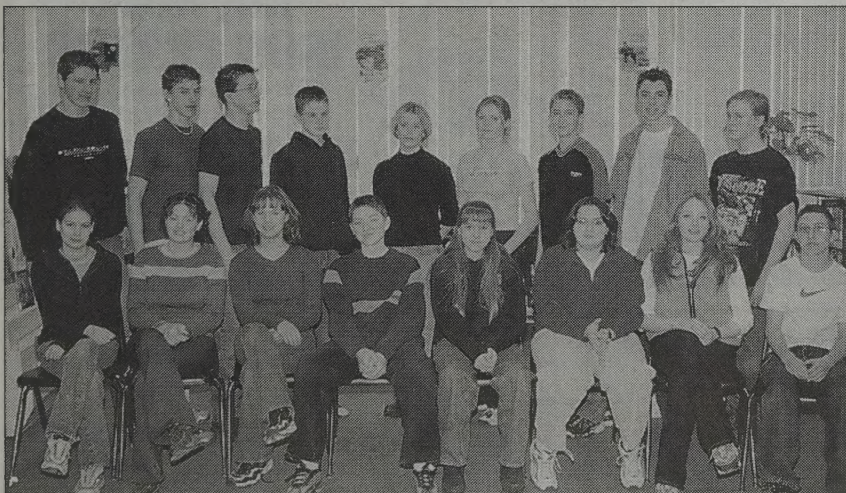
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GRADE SEVEN HONOR ROLL: Academic Honors went to Lisa Braga, Darby Brooker, Marcy Ference, Amanda Roach, Chelsea Schnurer, Corey Lowe, Catherine Campbell, Stephanie Ference, Jessica Lee, Katrina Robinson and Yolanda Kinjerski; Honors to Candace Babcock, Ashley Murfin, Amanda Poulin and Karly Shankowski; Honorable Mention to Christina Moores and Kristyn Buksa.



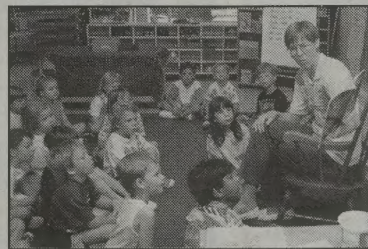
GRADE EIGHT HONOR ROLL: Academic Honors to Jordan Cousins, Scott Lindquist, Ashley Hebblethwaite, Travis Lindquist, Shyla Bullock, Colin Ference, Valerie Friesen and Jan Kozicky; Honorable Mentions to Nicholas Myshaniuk, Devin Moneta and Tyson Silywka.



GRADE 9 HONOR ROLL: Academic Honors went to Kristyn Ballas, John Braga, Stephen Kozina, Troy Bober and Jonathan Bury; Honors to Leanne Ference, Jason Kalynchuk, Greg Kozicky and April Paley; Honorable Mentions to Kelly Convery, Grayson Bilak, Kyla Ference, Alison Hammond, Nichole Havener, Kurt Kozicky, Brandi Breen and Kris Derewynka.

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Western reading: an authentic vision of the west that was

By Ron Onusko

Elk Point Historical Society

When we speak about writing of the West and reading works that are western, the reference in this article is to the North American continental west. Before there was a Canada or a USA, there was a West. How much we know of this West that is genuine and authentic has been influenced to a large extent by American pulp fiction and the American media.

The focus of this article is an attempt to lead

to a genuine and authentic vision of what the West was. There is always the problem of historical writings being made up in hindsight. The attempt to find writings that are contemporary with their subject is always a goal. Another admirable goal is to become acquainted with one's own local history and not put the Pecos and Rio Grande on a higher plane. It should be admitted that history written in hindsight with skill and based on adequate research is of value.

In the Elk Point area we have local history written over 200 years ago as well as more recently. The Journal of Duncan M'Gillivray of the North West Company at Ft. George on the Saskatchewan, 1794-5 by Duncan M'Gillivray is probably the most local and oldest local history. The setting is 13 kilometers from Elk Point. My Tribe the Crees by Joe Dion is a gem. Peter Fidler's journal* to southern Alberta from this area is of interest. Ocean to Ocean: Sanford Fleming's

Expedition Through Canada, 1872 by George Grant gives very favorable mention to this area. Winds of Change and Cheryl's Potlatch deal with the West and are the works of local writer Sheila Thompson. A translation of the journal works of Father Albert Lacombe makes for good local historical happenings. Blood Red the Sun* by William Cameron is a first-hand account of the uprising at Frog Lake.

Reflections: A History of Elk Point and District*, published by

the Elk Point Historical Society in the late 1970s and Our Past by Steve Andrichak cover local history in minute detail as does The Supplement to Reflections. Painter Paul Kane, who traveled through our area, wrote Wanderings of an Artist Among the Indians of North America in the middle of the nineteenth century. Many Tender Ties* deals with native women in the fur trade and was written by Van Kirk.

Olive Dickason's Canada's First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times* and The First Albertans: An Archaeological Search by Gail Helgason are two sound books on the early West. Alexander Morris's 1880 The Treaties of Canada with the Indians of Manitoba and the North West Territories treats its subject with great detail. Further to this list are Pierre Berton's two books, The National Dream* and The Last Spike*. Two other non-fiction books to join the above are The Company of Adventurers* and The War in the West. The Wheatgrass Mechanism: Science and Imagination in the Western Canadian Landscape by Don Gayton who has been described as having the eye of a scientist and the soul of a poet, knows of sundogs and bison-rubbed rocks.

Rudy Wiebe's The

Temptations of Big Bear*, the Scorched Wood People, and The Discovery of Strangers* require your close attention while reading, as do all Wiebe's books. They are worth the effort. Books dealing with the more recent West include The Silence of the North by Olive Fredrickson, The One-and-a-Half Men: The Story of Jim Brady and Malcolm Norris, Métis Patriots of the Twentieth Century by Murray Dobbin and Myrna Kostash's All of Baba's Children*.

Owen Wister wrote The Virginian* as well as the Preface to Cameron's Blood Red the Sun. Other works of fiction include The Englishman's Boy* by Guy Vanderhaeghe, The Ox-Bow Incident by Walter Clark and Wallace Stegner's The Big Rock Candy Mountain. Also worthy of mention is Stegner's Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs: Living and Writing in the West, and Wolf Willow* tells of his childhood in southwest Saskatchewan. George Stewart's Ordeal by Hunger, The California Trail and Names on the Land also may prove worthy. The Oregon Trail is unrivaled as Parkman tells of two cultures unknown to each other who come face to face with very different ideas in the American West.

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By Ray

Danyluk

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Evidence of an upcoming election is escalating. The arrival of Premier Klein and his wife Colleen in St. Paul on Friday drew attention and supporters from all corners of the constituency and beyond. The Premier's dinner was an overwhelming success attracting an enthusiastic capacity crowd. The Premier delivered a powerful address affirming his reputation as a charismatic

leader. The amount of time spent interacting, one on one, with those in attendance demonstrated that he is a very approachable leader. He has a genuine interest in listening to the people of the Lac La Biche / St. Paul constituency.

The enterprising ingenuity of the organizing committee was recognized by the Premier and all those who attended. I appreciate the hard work of all the volunteers who helped make the evening enjoyable. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Volunteerism is a cornerstone of rural communities. A political campaign requires the

efforts of many volunteers. Individuals should be free to openly express their political views without fear of retribution. This is the basic principle of a democratic society. An election of an opportune time for discussion of issues relevant to our community. Discussions of this nature will help formulate your decision regarding your choice of who will best represent current and future issues in the Legislature. Having a member of the government in power is a definite advantage to the area. As the campaign heats up, political supporters will become more vocal in advancing their points of view.

I am anticipating this challenge with all the friendly competitiveness of my nature and I trust that the competitiveness of the process will not divide or in any way deter the good neighbor standing of the residents of the constituency. An election conducted with integrity will benefit and even further reinforce the strengths of our communities.

The outcome of the election should be the choosing of the individual who can best represent the interests of Lac La Biche / St. Paul residents.

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6 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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6 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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13 LIVESTOCK

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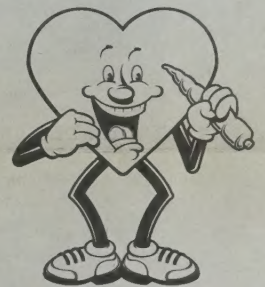
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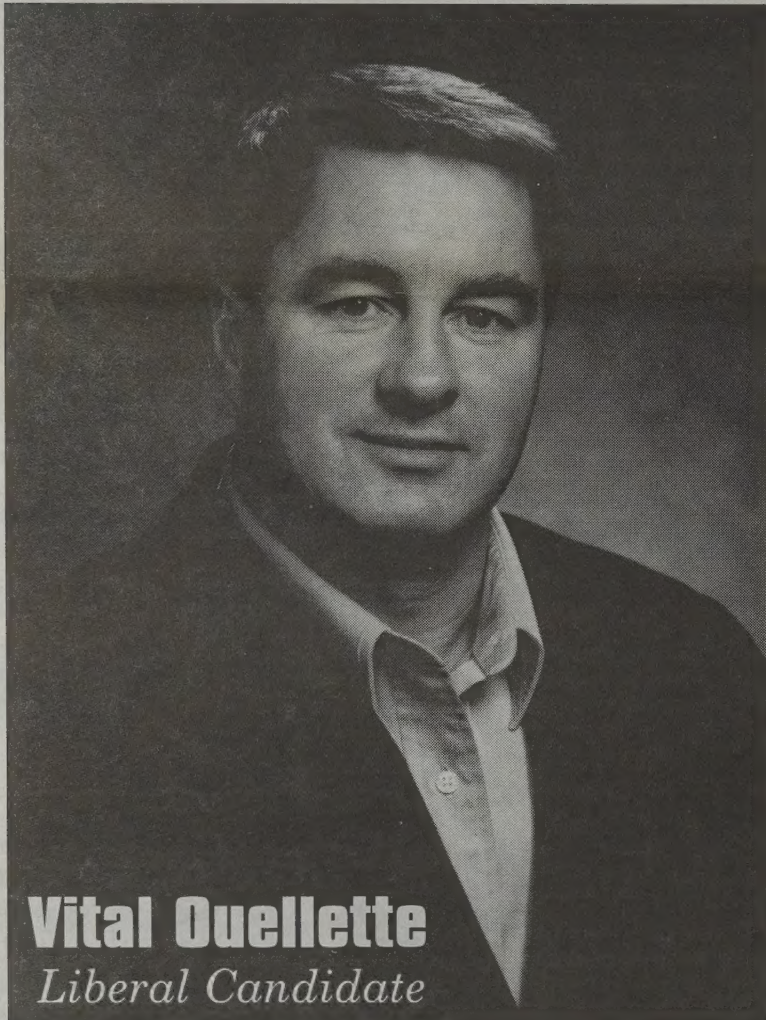
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Our view

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We own the natural gas, so why are prices so high?

Albertans do own their natural resources and the government does get billions of dollars of royalties from oil and gas. While the marketplace sets the price we pay for natural gas, the government could do more to protect us from rising prices.

Our view

I believe that our surplus should be used to help those hardest hit. You should be getting more from the billions in royalty payments. Re-distribution should be based on a percentage of each Albertan's actual energy consumption.

The Liberal plan

would stabilize natural gas prices by returning a portion of the royalties paid to Alberta consumers. This would mean that all Alberta consumers would benefit from the huge royalties being paid on natural gas.

I would like to hear your views on this topic or any other.